

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Earlham College's Dr. John Iverson for being named the 2005 Indiana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

PAUL

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



Introduced

Second Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2006)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. _____

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Earlham College's Dr. John Iverson for being named the 2005 Indiana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Whereas, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the International Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) have sponsored the Professor of the Year Program to recognize outstanding college and university professors from across the country since 1981;

Whereas, while the Carnegie Foundation accepts nominations of professors from four categories of institutions—community colleges, research universities, and institutions that grant bachelors and masters degrees—each year, the Professor of the Year Program honors only one professor for each state;

Whereas, nominees are assessed based on their impact on and involvement with undergraduate students, their scholarly approach to teaching and learning, their contributions to undergraduate education, and testimony from colleagues and current and former students;

Whereas, Dr. John Iverson is a Professor of Biology and Director of the Joseph Moore Museum of Natural History at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where he has been

2006

RC 1528/DI jdm+



a member of the faculty since 1978;

Whereas, to encourage students to become actively involved in the process of science, Dr. Iverson invites students to accompany him to his three long-term study sites. He attributes his success with students to "maintaining an active, hands-on, year-round research program that involves as many students as possible";

Whereas, Dr. Iverson sees himself as an "assistant in learning" and emphasizes collaboration in order to "learn more and teach better than we possibly could alone." Undergraduate students co-authored more than 40 of the approximately 150 scientific papers he has had published while at Earlham;

Whereas, as one of the world's leading herpetologists, specializing in the study of turtles and iguanas and their respective ecologies, Dr. Iverson has been instrumental, not only in continuing, but also enhancing Earlham's reputation for excellence in the natural sciences;

Whereas, roughly one-fifth of Earlham's graduates have majored in biology. In addition, Earlham ranks eighth nationally—between Johns Hopkins and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—in the percentage of its biology majors who have since gone on to earn a Ph.D. in the field; and

Whereas, more than 400 professors from various institutions in 40 states were nominated for consideration by the Carnegie Foundation judges. Dr. John Iverson was recognized as the Indiana Professor of the Year in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 17, 2005: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
2 congratulates Dr. John Iverson for being recognized as the 2005
3 Indiana Professor of the Year.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
5 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Earlham College
6 President, Douglas Bennett, Independent Colleges of Indiana
7 President, Hans Giesecke, and Dr. John Iverson.

